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REPRESENTATIVE DRIEHAUS RESOLVES ABORTION LANGUAGE, SUPPORTS COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE REFORM

Reform Bill Cuts $1.3 Trillion from Deficit, Reduces Taxes for Small Businesses, Improves Care for Seniors

WASHINGTON, DC—Working with pro-life members of the House of Representatives Democratic Caucus, Representative Steve Driehaus secured provisions in an unprecedented executive order prohibiting the use of federal funds to pay for abortion services under the final health care legislation now before Congress. He voted today to support the legislation, which will expand access to quality, affordable health care to millions more Americans. In addition, the legislation will reduce the budget deficit by $1.3 trillion, improve existing programs for seniors, and cut taxes for small businesses.

"Since the start of the debate about health care, I have remained consistent in my support of comprehensive health care reform while protecting the lives of the unborn. I am pleased that this work has led to this executive order prohibiting the use of federal funds for abortion," said Rep. Driehaus.

"This health care reform legislation is an historic step forward that will reduce our budget deficit by more than a trillion dollars, cut taxes for small businesses, reduce costs for middle class families, and expand access to quality care for all Americans," said Rep. Driehaus.

"This reform package relieves small businesses from the unsustainable burden of rising health

care premiums," said Rep. Driehaus. "Over the last year I heard from dozens of small business owners facing double-digit increases in their health care premiums, forcing them to cut benefits or drop coverage for their employees altogether. This legislation will help to turn that around, ensuring quality care at lower costs for greater Cincinnati families."

"For a year, opponents of reform have carried out a campaign of misinformation, scare tactics, and obstructionist legislative practices to try to delay further these long overdue changes. But these efforts to perpetuate the status quo were not able to overcome the simple fact that this bill will drive down costs, expand coverage, and reduce our deficit by more than $1.3 trillion," said Rep. Driehaus.

"This debate has spanned more than a year, and I have attended countless meetings and held numerous public events so that I could hear from doctors and patients, small business owners and health care professionals, and cast my vote in the best interest of the First Congressional District. At the end of this process, I am more convinced than ever that comprehensive health care reform is critically important to the future of our country," said Rep. Driehaus. "I am proud to cast this vote that will at last fix our broken health care system and move our nation forward."

According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the final version of the legislation will provide coverage to 32 million more people, or more than 95 percent of Americans, while lowering health care costs over the long term. This legislation will reduce the deficit by $138 billion over the next 10 years, with $1.2 trillion in additional deficit reduction in the following 10 years.

Numerous provisions in the health care bill will take effect shortly after the bill is signed into law by the President. They include the following:

  - **Close the Medicare Part D Donut   Hole** by providing a $250 rebate to Medicare beneficiaries who hit the donut   hole in 2010
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  - **Ends Discrimination Against   Children With Pre Existing Conditions**. Effective six months after enactment.

  - **Small Business Tax Credits** of up to 35   percent of premiums will be immediately available to businesses with fewer   than 25 full-time employees that choose to offer coverage.
  - **Free Preventive Care Under   Medicare**.   Effective January 1, 2011.
  - **Ends Rescissions** by banning   insurance companies from dropping people from coverage when they get sick.   Effective six months after enactment.

  - **Bans Lifetime Limits On   Coverage**.   Effective six months after enactment.
  - **Bans Restrictive Annual Limits   On Coverage**.   Effective six months after enactment.
  - **Ensuring Value For Premium   Payments**.   Requires plans in the individual and small group market to spend 80   percent of premium dollars on medical services, and plans in the large   group market to spend 85 percent. Insurers that do not meet these   thresholds must provide rebates to policyholders. Effective on January 1,   2011.

  - **Extends Coverage For Young   People Up To 26th Birthday Through Parents' Insurance**   . Effective   six months after enactment.
  - **Increases Number Of Primary   Care Doctors** by providing new investment in training programs to increase the number of   primary care doctors, nurses, and public health professionals. Effective   beginning in fiscal year 2010.

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